

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5-7, 10, 12-18 and 20 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended and claims 8-9 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates that the Office Action indicates that claims 10 and 13-18 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant believes that the remaining claims are also allowable, as discussed below.

A. The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §101. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that the rejected claims provide no tangible result. This is not correct. For example, the claims recite steps such as "outputting test data" and "testing a CDR." These are tangible results.

To better emphasize the "testing" step, its order in the claim has been changed; however, the claimed steps are not limited to their particular order of appearance in the claims, unless otherwise explicitly stated in the claims (such as by "subsequently"). Some steps, or portions thereof, may be performed simultaneously and/or in a different order than what is recited in the claims.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under §101 is respectfully requested.

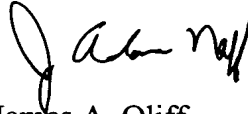
B. Withdrawn claims 5-7, 12 and 20 should be rejoined, examined and allowed based at least on their dependence on allowable base claims. See MPEP §821.04(a).

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In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 10 and 13-18 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment:
Petition for Extension of Time

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